(113)

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE CHHATTISGARH: BILASPUR

DIVISION BENCH

CORAM : HON'BLE SHRI S.R. NAYAK, CJ
& HON'BLE SHRI V.K. SHRIVASTAVA, J.

W.P. No. (S) 6557 of 2006

PETITIONER

Moujiram Sahu
S/o Ghasiram Sahu
Aged about 66 years
R/o Village Bharda, P.O. Arjuni,
Tahsil Dongargarh
Dist. Rajnandgaon (C.G.)

VERSUS

RESPONDENTS

1. State of Chhattisgarh,
Through its Secretary,
Panchayat & Social Welfare
Department, Mantralaya,
D.K.S. Bhawan, Raipur (C.G.)
2. Director
Directorate of Panchayats
And Social Welfare, Raipur
Chhattisgarh
3. Joint Director of Panchayats
And Social Welfare,
Raipur Division, Raipur
Chhattisgarh

Present: Shri Amrito Das, learned counsel for the petitioner.

Shri Utkarsh Verma, learned Dy. Govt. Adv. for the State of Chhattisgarh.

ORAL ORDER
(Passed on 29th November, 2006)

The following oral order of the Court was passed by

S.R. NAYAK, CJ .

This writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is directed against the order of the Madhya Pradesh Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench at Jabalpur (for short "the Tribunal") dated 23-04-2001 passed in Original Application No. 2341 of 1989. There is inordinate delay in filing the writ petition. We have perused the petition

averments. The petitioner has not offered any explanation much less convincing explanation to overlook or condone the enormous delay of more than five years. On the other hand, in para No. 04 of the writ petition, the petitioner has stated that "there is no inordinate delay in filing the instant writ petition". It is well settled that the law helps diligent not indolent who sleeps over his legal rights. In the absence of any explanation much less sufficient cause to condone the delay, we are not inclined to entertain this writ petition. It is accordingly dismissed on the ground of delay and laches. No costs.

Sd/-
Chief Justice

Sd/-
V.K. Shrivastava
Judge